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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory date of response set to expire on July 21, 2003, kindly enter the following timely filed response.

In accordance with the proposed rules regarding amendment practice to be adopted July 31, 2003, wherein the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments to the claims, specification and drawings, applicant submits amendments to the specification starting on page 2, amendments to the claims starting on page 3, amendments to the abstract starting on page 8 and remarks made in response to the examiner's rejection of the claims starting on page 9.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this response.